

[2345/146]

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s)

Wolfgang DULTZ et al.

Serial No.

09/786,826

Filed

June 15, 2001

Title

Optical Communications Link

Art Unit

2839

Examiner

Michael C. Zarroli

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on

TRANSMITTAL OF AMENDMENT

SIR:

Please find an Amendment transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application, in response to an Office Action dated October 3, 2002.

No fee is believed necessary (the three-month shortened statutory period ending January 3, 2003). The Commissioner is authorized, as appropriate and/or necessary, to charge any additional fees (including any other Rule 136(a) extension fees) or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0600. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed for those purposes. By: (Kuda) Judy Reg. No. 47,084

Respectfully submitted,

Richard L. Mayer

(Reg. No. 22,490)

KENYON & KENYON

One Broadway

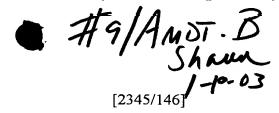
New York, New York 10004

(212) 425-7200 (telephone)

(212) 425-5288 (facsimile)

CUSTOMER NO. 26646





IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s)

Wolfgang DULTZ et al.

Serial No.

09/786,826

Filed

June 15, 2001

Title

Optical Communications Link

Art Unit

2839

Examiner

Michael C. Zarroli

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on

Date: January 3, 2003

Signature: Juda 77 July Linda M. Shudy (Reg. no. 47.084)

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2002, please reconsider the aboveidentified application based on the following:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend without prejudice the second full paragraph on page 12, lines 14-18, of the Substitute Specification as follows:



--In place of two cylinder windings of fiber 3 as shown in Figure 2A, the fiber 6 can also be routed over more cylinders, i.e., four cylinders 7, 8, 9, 10. This is shown in Figure 2B. In the case of Figure 2B, right-hand and left-hand loops alternate, each characterized by R or L.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend without prejudice claims 18, 19, 21, and 23 to 25 as follows:

18. (Amended) An optical communications link comprising:

an optical fiber for transmitting information, the optical fiber having a plurality of fiber sections, each fiber section of the plurality of fiber sections being configured to have at least one of a right-hand curvature and a left-hand curvature, the optical fiber being bent repeatedly

